

ROOT DECLINES BI GOFFER.

Refuses to Become "100,000 Man" to Build Panama Canal.

Washington, March 8.—Former Secretary of War Elihu Root has declined to be President Roosevelt's "100,000 man" in the construction of the Panama canal. Mr. Root spent an evening at the White House last week and was urged by the president to accept the chairmanship of the canal commission. It was pointed out to Mr. Root that the need of the situation is a man who could take the absolute mastery of the enterprise, responsible only to the president. In the hands of such a man the president was willing to place ample power. The other members of the commission, if congress decides there must be a commission, as it probably will, could be made subservient to the will of the man chosen by the president to represent him in the work. Mr. Root shook his head and remarked that at this time or life he did not see how he could leave the law and undertake the building of a canal. In vain did the president urge that the construction of the Panama canal was the greatest work to be done in the world today. He spoke of the enormous service Mr. Root could do his country, of the great monument he could leave behind. Still Mr. Root shook his head. He spoke of salary, and declared his belief the people of the United States would uphold him in paying a man like Mr. Root as much as he can earn in his profession, if he would only take hold of this work. In Mr. Root's case that sum is upwards of \$100,000 a year.

The former secretary of war was not concerned about the salary question. He was unwilling to consider the proposition from any point of view. The president then urged Mr. Root to take hold of the work on the understanding that he was to remain away three years, and after the enterprise was well on its feet he was to retire. Mr. Root would not consent to this either. The president has no hope of inducing him to change his mind, and is looking further for the man big enough to be the Napoleon of the Panama canal.

"To build the Panama canal is a great work, indeed," said Mr. Root. "and I can see how it might appeal to the ambition of a younger man. But Dr. Osler has knocked a good deal of the spirit out of me. The 15th of last month I was 60 years old."

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GOES CARNEGIE ONE BETTER

Pittsburg, Pa., March 8.—Established Fund to Aid Calamity Sufferers.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 8.—When the will of Robert C. McFerron, of Beaumont, was filed here it was found that the man, who was worth perhaps \$1,400,000, had gone Carnegie one better. He had established a "calamity fund," which shall be known as the "David and Eleanor McFerron fund." There is put one serious drawback to this fund. A sister and brother, both unmarried, and a married sister, must die without issue before the fund shall become effective. They are all past middle age. The will directs that one-half of the yearly income of the fund shall be added to the principal thereof, and the other half shall be used for the relief of victims of public calamities in the United States of America, such calamities as are caused by fire, flood, tempest, explosions, epidemic, diseases and the like, and which call for prompt relief.

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A CRANK BUT NO FOOL, HE SAYS.

The Applicant for a Peoria, Ill. Pulpit "Great at Starting Things."

Peoria, Ill., March 8.—At last a "crank" preacher has been found to minister to the special requirements of the congregation of the Christian church of this city. He is the Rev. S. S. Lappin, at present pastor of the Christian church in Atlanta. In his letter application the minister outlines his qualifications, asserting that



RHEUMATISM IS NOT A SKIN DISEASE.

Several years ago I was afflicted with what the doctors called Sciatic Rheumatism, or Lumbago, suffering the most intense agony at times, and being confined to my bed about a year, although four of the best physicians (one of whom was my father) attended me during my illness. They could give me only temporary relief, and I think they tried about all the remedies known to medical science, dosing me with strong medicine until my stomach got into such a condition that I could digest nothing, and neither myself nor my friends had any hope of my recovery. I was persuaded to try S. S. S., and before finishing the first bottle I found that I had the right remedy. I continued to take it until it cured me perfectly. This was about nine years ago, and I have been in splendid health ever since.

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Fiery liniments, drawing plasters and penetrating oils never cured a case of Rheumatism; because it is not a local or skin disease, but a disease of the blood caused by a sour, acid condition of that vital fluid. The kidneys and bowels get weak, the liver torpid, and the poisonous matter absorbed by the blood and distributed into the muscles, joints and nerves through the circulation, producing inflammation and swelling of these parts, excitement of the nerves and other painful and disagreeable symptoms of the disease. Rheumatism sufferers look with dread upon the winter season with its damp, cold, changing weather, for the first slight exposure is liable to bring on an attack, and the sharp, cutting pains and feverish, swollen joints and muscles make life miserable with almost unbearable torture. Local applications will often give relief for a little while, but can do no permanent good, because the trouble is not within their reach; and even while the symptoms are being relieved by such treatment the blood is becoming more heavily charged with the uric acid poison, and the next attack will be more severe. S. S. S. cures this disease by arousing to proper action all the sluggish organs and going into the blood, driving out all the acid and poisonous matter, renewing and strengthening it, and toning up the entire system by its fine tonic effect. It contains no Potash or other harmful minerals, but is purely vegetable and is recognized everywhere as the surest and safest blood purifier. Our special book on Rheumatism will be mailed free to all who write, and our physicians will give medical advice to all sufferers, without charge.

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while he is a "mixer" and a "crank," he is not a fool. He says further that he is an evangelist, a large member, likes sociability and is "great at starting things about gospel lines."

"If I can't preach to people while they are alive," the Rev. Mr. Lappin writes, "I don't care to preach about them when they are dead unless I say what I please, and that isn't considered good form at funerals."

Incredible Brutality.

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"The fact is, the name 'blue racer' was given to the snake because of the member's fleetness. I have seen 'blue racers' dart across the road at such a rapid pace that you would only see a mere suggestion of blue, and if you did not happen to know the snake and its habits you would not know what it was. You could not possibly get the idea that it was a snake you had seen flash through the dust of the country road unless you knew something of the 'blue racer.' Just what speed the snake makes I do not know, but it is a rapid pace. The rattlesnake is supposed to have good speed, and as a matter of fact the rattler can whip along at a pretty swift gait. But the rattlesnake is not in it with the 'blue racer.'"—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

LEFT THEIR WORK UNDONE.

Many Authors Snatched From usefulness by Death.

They have in the British museum the manuscript of Lawrence Sterne's incomplete "Journal to Eliza." Byron died in the service of Greece before he could carry out his project of adding another series of cantos to "Don Juan" and of taking another run down to Naples to study the country so as to write two additional cantos to "Childe Harold." Hawthorne's "Dolliver Romance" is a fragmentary masterpiece. Wilkie Collins was interrupted in the completion of "Blind Love," which was finished and published after his death. Helen Jackson took the pains to write out on her deathbed a synopsis of the course which she meant her novel, "Zeph," to follow. With the story of how "Edwin Drood," by Charles Dickens, was wound up everybody is familiar.

"I Shall Not Pass This Way Again."

I shall not pass this way again; The thought is full of sorrow; The good I ought to do to-day I may not do to-morrow. If I this moment shall withhold The help I might be giving Some soul may die, and I shall lose The sweetest joy of living.

Only the present hour is mine— I may not have another To speak a kindly word, Or help a fallen brother; The path of life leads straight ahead; I can retrace it no more. The daily record which I make Will stand unchanged forever.

To cheer and comfort other souls And make their pathways brighter; To lift the load from other hearts, And make their burdens lighter. This is the work we have to do It must not be neglected— That we improve each shining hour, Is of us all expected.

I shall not pass this way again; Oh, then with high endeavor May I my life and service give To Him who reigns forever. Then will the failures of the past No longer bring me sadness, And his approving smile will fill My heart with joy and gladness.

Prolific Squirrels.

A squirrel's natural term of life is from fifteen to twenty years and in localities where they are little disturbed they multiply with extreme rapidity. Indeed, in the early history of the United States they were so numerous in certain localities as to be almost a plague and large sums were actually paid in bounty for the scalp. In the west large hunts were organized by the early settlers in order to reduce their numbers, as now it is found necessary to do to prevent the jack rabbits from becoming a scourge to the farmers. On these hunts thousands of squirrels were killed and yet, from all accounts, their numbers were not greatly reduced.

Noted Ship Owner Dies.

Mr. James Hall, the Newcastle ship owner, whose death has been recorded, was part owner of the first steam collier. He was a philanthropist of original views and of unceasing activity in carrying them out. There lies near the mouth of the Tyne a three-decker of Nelson's day, the Wellesley, which was placed there as a training ship almost solely through his exertions.

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God keep you! Nay, beloved soul, how vain. How poor is prayer! I can but say again, and yet again, God keep you every time and every where.

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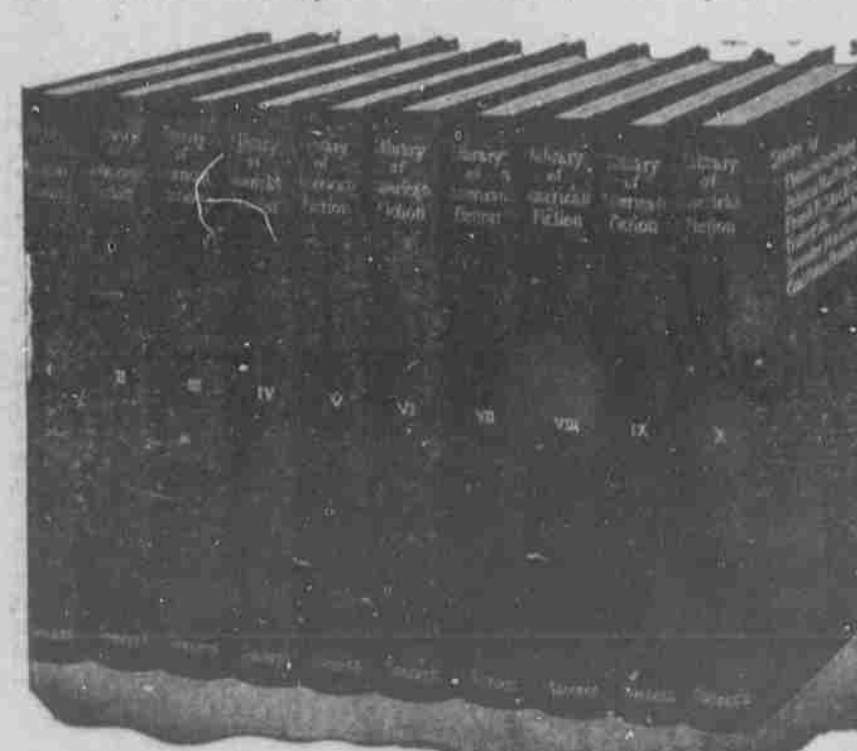
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